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**FIELD CROPS:** Field corn acreage planted across New England in 2003 was estimated at 192,000 acres, up one percent from 2002, and 3,000 acres above 2001. Cool and wet spring weather provided poor planting conditions. Eighty percent of the crop was planted by June 15, compared with last year at 85 percent, and the normal of 90 percent planted. Fifty-five percent of the field corn was emerged by June 15 and reported to be in good to fair condition, despite the lack of sunny, warm weather.

In 2003, Maine farmers expect to harvest 30,000 acres of **oats for grain**, an increase of 1,000 acres from 2002. As of June 1, the forecast for Maine **barley** acreage harvested **for grain** in 2003 was 24,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from the previous year.

New England farmers expect to cut 594,000 acres for **dry hay** in 2002, a slight decrease from last year's dry hay harvest. **Alfalfa** acreage to be cut for dry hay across New England was forecasted at 82,000 acres, two percent below 2001's harvested acreage. **All other dry hay** acreage was expected to remain unchanged from last year at 512,000 acres. Rain showers and cool temperatures during the month of June slowed the harvesting of dry hay. By the end of June, nearly two-thirds of the first cutting of dry hay was harvested and rated in good to fair condition.

**Tobacco:** Growers in Connecticut and Massachusetts intend to harvest 2,350 acres of **broadleaf tobacco** in 2003, an increase of 12 percent over the previous year's harvested acreage. Cool, wet spring weather provided less than optimum planting conditions this year and 80 percent had been transplanted by the end of June. Normally, broadleaf tobacco would be 95 percent planted by late June. The last of the broadleaf crop was in the ground by the second week in July. **Shade tobacco** growers plan to harvest 1,100 acres in 2003, an increase of 150 acres from a year earlier. Shade acreage was 100 percent transplanted by June 8, well ahead of last year's 75 percent and normal of 90 percent. Timely rains and hot, humid conditions followed in July promoting excellent growth, but heightening the susceptibility of the crop to blue mold infestation. Area crop specialists rated the crops in fair to good condition as of mid-July.

**POTATOES:** Maine growers planted 66,000 acres of **fall potatoes** in 2003, an increase of 2,000 acres compared with the previous year. The planting season was off to a slow start due to cool, wet conditions with only 50 percent seeded by the end of May, unchanged from last

year, but well behind the five-year average of 70 percent. Cool, wet conditions persisted for the remainder of planting, and emergence was slow due to cool soil temperatures. July's heat and timely rains promoted rapid crop growth, and at mid-month, crop specialists have rated the crop as good or excellent statewide. No late blight has been reported in the State, however insect levels were high. Growers were spraying to control outbreaks of European corn borers and cutworms. In Maine, acreage planted by type for 2003 averaged 57 percent white varieties, 39 percent russet, and 4 percent reds; more russets and fewer whites than a year earlier.

**PEACHES:** Based on July 1 conditions, Connecticut's **peach** crop was expected to total 42,000 bushels in 2003, up 56 percent from 2002. Peach production in Massachusetts for 2003 was forecasted at 46,000 bushels, unchanged from the previous year's total. The crop was rated in good to fair condition as of mid-July.

**2002 REVISED FRUITS:** The 2002 New England **apple** crop available for utilization totaled 3.3 million bushels (42-pound units), 15 percent below 2001 utilized production. Blooms were less than desirable in most locations. Frost caused complete losses of the apple crop in many areas due to a wet, cold spring. This was also unfavorable for pollination. Thunderstorms brought localized hail damage. The total value of the 2002 utilized apple crop was placed at \$48.7 million, up six percent from 2001.

The 2002 utilized **peach** production in Connecticut and Massachusetts totaled 75,000 bushels, 13 percent below 2001 utilized output. The value of the 2002 peach crop in the two States was placed at \$2.7 million, one percent below the 2001 value. Utilized **pear** production in Connecticut in 2002 totaled 500 tons, four percent above 2001 production. The total value of the utilized crop equaled \$429,000, 39 percent more than the 2001 value.

**Cranberry:** Cranberry production in Massachusetts during 2002 was 1.45 million barrels, three percent above 2001's output. Harvested acreage increased from 12,000 acres in 2001 to 14,500 acres in 2002. Massachusetts' cranberry yield per acre in 2002 averaged 100.1 barrels. The average price per barrel increased from \$24.00 in 2001 to \$33.20 in 2002, resulting in a 42 percent increase in the value of utilized production of \$48.2 million in 2002.

**WILD BLUEBERRIES:** Maine's 2002 **wild blueberry** crop totaled 62.3 million pounds, a decrease of 17 percent from the 2001 output and 44 percent below the record production set in 2000. The average price per pound for berries sold for processing in 2002 was 25 cents, resulting in a total processing value of \$15.5 million. The total value of Maine's 2002 wild blueberry crop was \$15.9 million, down 31 percent from the 2001 crop.

## FIELD CORN: Acreage, 2001 - 2003

State	Acres Planted for All Purposes <sup>1/</sup>			
	2001	2002	2003 Forecast as of June 1	2003 Forecast as Percent of 2002
	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Percent
Connecticut	32	32	30	94
Maine	28	29	26	90
Massachusetts	22	22	22	100
New Hampshire	15	16	16	100
Rhode Island	2	2	2	100
Vermont	90	92	96	104
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>	189	193	192	99
U.S.	75,752	79,054	79,066	100

<sup>1/</sup> Area harvested for grain not estimated.SOURCE: **Acreage**, 8:30 a.m., June 30, 2003, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

## TOBACCO: Acreage, 2001 - 2003

State and Type	Area Harvested			
	2001	2002	2003 Forecast as of June 1	2003 Forecast as Percent of 2002
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Percent
<b>Broadleaf (Type 51)</b>				
Connecticut	1,300	1,250	1,400	112
Massachusetts	840	850	950	112
CT and MA Total Type 51	2,140	2,100	2,350	112
<b>Shade (Type 61)</b>				
Connecticut	970	640	800	125
Massachusetts	300	310	300	97
CT and MA Total Type 61	1,270	950	1,100	116
<b>CT and MA Total Type 51 and 61</b>	3,410	3,050	3,450	113

SOURCE: **Acreage**, 8:30 a.m., June 30, 2003, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

## DRY HAY: Acreage, 2001 - 2003

State	Acres Harvested								
	Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures			All Other Hay			All Hay		
	2001	2002	2003 Forecast as of June 1	2001	2002	2003 Forecast as of June 1	2001	2002	2003 Forecast as of June 1
	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres
Connecticut	8	9	8	55	50	45	63	59	53
Maine	10	8	8	120	125	120	130	133	128
Massachusetts	18	18	15	80	75	80	98	93	95
New Hampshire	7	7	7	50	48	45	57	55	52
Rhode Island	1	1	1	7	6	5	8	7	6
Vermont	40	45	40	200	195	190	240	240	230
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>	84	88	79	512	499	485	596	587	564
U.S.	23,822	23,135	23,541	39,699	41,362	40,838	63,521	64,497	64,379

SOURCE: **Acreage**, 8:30 a.m., June 30, 2003, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**OATS and BARLEY: Acreage, 2002 - 2003**

State	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested For Grain	
	2002	2003 Forecast as of June 1	2002	2003 Forecast as of June 1
	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres
<b>Oats</b>				
Maine	30	31	29	30
U.S.	5,005	4,676	2,098	2,286
<b>Barley</b>				
Maine	27	25	26	24
U.S.	5,073	5,461	4,135	4,899

SOURCE: *Acreage*, 8:30 a.m., June 30, 2003, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.**FALL POTATOES: Acreage Planted in the Major States, 2001 - 2003**

State	Acres Planted for All Purposes			
	2001	2002	2003 Forecast as of June 1	2003 Forecast as Percent of 2002
	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Percent
California	3.2	8.9	8.0	90
Colorado	68.1	71.6	66.3	93
Idaho	350.0	375.0	360.0	96
<b>Maine</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>103</b>
Michigan	46.0	46.5	47.0	101
Minnesota	59.0	61.0	61.0	100
Montana	10.5	10.5	10.6	101
Nebraska	22.5	22.0	23.5	107
New York	23.5	22.5	22.2	99
North Dakota	118.0	118.0	118.0	100
Ohio	4.4	4.3	4.2	98
Oregon	45.0	50.0	42.8	86
Pennsylvania	14.0	15.0	14.5	97
Washington	160.0	170.0	165.0	97
Wisconsin	84.0	85.0	84.0	99
15 STATES	1,070.2	1,124.3	1,093.1	97

SOURCE: *Crop Production*, 8:30 a.m., July 11, 2003, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.**FALL POTATOES: Acreage, 2001 - 2003**

State	Acres Planted for All Purposes				Acres Harvested			
	2001	2002	2003 Forecast as of June 1	2003 Forecast as Percent of 2002	2001	2002	2003 Forecast as of June 1	2003 Forecast as Percent of 2002
	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Percent	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Percent
Maine	62.0	64.0	66.0	103	62.0	64.0	65.0	102
Massachusetts	2.9	3.0	3.0	100	2.8	2.9	3.0	103
Rhode Island	0.5	0.5	0.5	100	0.5	0.5	0.5	100
U.S. Fall Crop	1,091.5	1,144.2	1,114.4	97	1,073.2	1,114.8	1,093.4	98
U.S. Total <sup>1/</sup>	1,247.7	1,310.0	1,279.6	98	1,222.2	1,275.7	1,254.2	98

<sup>1/</sup> Includes winter, spring, summer and fall potatoes.SOURCE: *Crop Production*, 8:30 a.m., July 11, 2003, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.**MAINE POTATOES: Prices Received, 1997 - 2002 Crop Years**

Crop Year	Prices Received <sup>1/</sup> by Farmers for All Potatoes, Monthly and Marketing Year Average										
	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	Market Year Average
	Dollars Per Cwt	Dollars Per Cwt	Dollars Per Cwt	Dollars Per Cwt	Dollars Per Cwt	Dollars Per Cwt	Dollars Per Cwt	Dollars Per Cwt	Dollars Per Cwt	Dollars Per Cwt	Dollars Per Cwt
1997	8.10	5.65	5.70	6.10	6.30	6.10	6.35	6.55	6.95	6.75	6.40
1998	6.25	5.40	5.70	5.85	5.90	6.15	6.45	6.90	7.45	7.05	6.45
1999	5.80	5.30	5.45	6.35	6.45	6.30	6.35	6.40	6.80	6.60	6.35
2000	5.80	5.45	5.50	5.55	5.60	5.50	5.90	6.20	6.80	7.30	6.15
2001	6.20	5.70	6.05	6.65	7.50	7.75	8.30	8.65	9.45	8.05	7.65
2002	6.30	5.85	5.65	6.60	6.90	7.10	7.10	7.50	8.00	8.25	2/

<sup>1/</sup> Average price of potatoes sold for fresh market, processing, seed and feed.<sup>2/</sup> Market year average price for the 2002 crop will be available on September 18, 2003.SOURCE: *Agricultural Prices*, 3:00 p.m., June 27, 2003, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

## FRUIT: Bearing Acreage and Yield, 2001 - 2002

State	APPLES <sup>1/</sup>				PEACHES <sup>2/</sup>			
	Bearing Acreage		Yield (42-lb bu) <sup>3/</sup>		Bearing Acreage		Yield (48 lb-bu) <sup>3/</sup>	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Acres	Acres	Bushels Per Acre	Bushels Per Acre	Acres	Acres	Bushels Per Acre	Bushels Per Acre
Connecticut	2,300	2,300	212	124	330	330	120	82
Maine	3,500	3,500	319	331	--	--	--	--
Massachusetts	4,700	4,700	198	167	350	370	131	130
New Hampshire	2,700	2,600	264	243	--	--	--	--
Rhode Island	300	300	143	206	--	--	--	--
Vermont	3,000	2,900	326	255	--	--	--	--
<b>NEW ENGLAND <sup>4/</sup></b>	16,500	16,300	259	224	680	700	126	107
U.S.	416,550	400,950	538	507	151,650	152,420	333	352

<sup>1/</sup> Apple production from commercial orchards of 100 or more trees.<sup>2/</sup> Annual peach statistics only available for Connecticut and Massachusetts.<sup>3/</sup> Yield based on total production, which includes unharvested production and fruit harvested but not sold due to market conditions.<sup>4/</sup> New England peach statistics include only Connecticut and Massachusetts.SOURCE: *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts - 2002 Summary*, 3:00 p.m., July 8, 2003, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

## FRUIT: Production and Value, 2001 - 2002

Fruit Crop	Total Production <sup>1/</sup>			Utilized Production <sup>2/</sup>		Price per Unit of Utilized Production		Value of Utilized Production	
	2001	2002	2003 Forecast as of July 1	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
<b>Apples (42-lb bu) <sup>3/</sup></b>	1,000 Bushels	1,000 Bushels	1,000 Bushels	1,000 Bushels	1,000 Bushels	Dollars Per Bushel	Dollars Per Bushel	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Connecticut	488	286	4/	476	274	13.52	17.30	6,445	4,740
Maine	1,119	1,155	4/	952	1,048	12.18	15.16	11,605	15,900
Massachusetts	929	786	4/	810	667	13.61	16.21	11,013	10,821
New Hampshire	714	631	4/	679	583	10.50	11.97	7,133	6,993
Rhode Island	43	62	4/	33	50	16.09	16.97	536	849
Vermont	976	738	4/	905	667	10.12	14.15	9,150	9,435
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>	4,269	3,658	4/	3,855	3,289	11.90	14.82	45,882	48,738
U.S.	224,493	203,705	4/	219,390	200,119	6.64	7.85	1,453,073	1,571,189
<b>Peaches (48-lb bu)</b>	1,000 Bushels	1,000 Bushels	1,000 Bushels	1,000 Bushels	1,000 Bushels	Dollars Per Bushel	Dollars Per Bushel	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Connecticut	40	27	42	40	27	31.20	33.60	1,235	910
Massachusetts	46	48	48	44	46	33.60	38.40	1,470	1,760
U.S. <sup>5/</sup>	50,694	53,654	54,648	48,644	51,510	10.13	9.79	493,298	504,167
<b>Pears (Tons)</b>	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Dollars Per Ton	Dollars Per Ton	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Connecticut	480	500	4/	480	500	644.00	858.00	309	429
U.S.	1,001,780	868,450	4/	964,280	867,000	264.00	295.00	254,161	255,605

<sup>1/</sup> Total production is the quantity actually harvested plus quantities which would have been acceptable for fresh market or processing but were not harvested because of economic or natural reasons.<sup>2/</sup> Utilized production includes fruit sold, amount used on the operation or given away, and fruit placed in storage.<sup>3/</sup> Apple production from commercial orchards of 100 or more trees.<sup>4/</sup> Apple and Pear production will be forecast as of August 1.<sup>5/</sup> Excludes Clingstone peaches in California.SOURCE: *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts - 2002 Summary*, 3:00 p.m., July 8, 2003. *Crop Production*, 8:30 a.m., July 11, 2003, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.APPLES: <sup>1/</sup> Fresh Market and Processing Utilization, Price and Value, 2001 - 2002

State	FRESH MARKET						PROCESSING					
	Quantity		Price per Pound		Value of Production		Quantity		Price per Ton		Value of Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Million Pounds		Dollars		1,000 Dollars		Million Pounds		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
Connecticut	16.5	10.0	0.380	0.465	6,270	4,650	3.5	1.5	100	120	175	90
Maine	33.0	39.0	0.340	0.400	11,220	15,600	7.0	5.0	110	120	385	300
Massachusetts	26.5	22.5	0.400	0.465	10,600	10,463	7.5	5.5	110	130	413	358
New Hampshire	18.0	13.5	0.370	0.465	6,660	6,278	10.5	11.0	90	130	473	715
Vermont	29.0	23.5	0.300	0.390	8,700	9,165	9.0	4.5	100	120	450	270
<b>NEW ENGLAND <sup>2/</sup></b>	123.0	108.5	0.353	0.425	43,450	46,156	37.5	27.5	101	126	1,896	1,733
U.S.	5,469.8	5,366.2	0.229	0.257	1,251,729	1,379,857	3,744.6	3,038.8	108	126	201,344	191,332

<sup>1/</sup> Apple production from commercial orchards of 100 or more trees.<sup>2/</sup> New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH, and VT. Rhode Island is not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. RI apples are included in the United States totals.SOURCE: *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts - 2002 Summary*, 3:00 p.m., July 8, 2003, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**CRANBERRIES: Acres, Yield, Production, Utilization, Price and Value, by State, 2001 - 2002**

State	Acres Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production		Utilization		Price per Barrel <sup>1/</sup>	Value of Utilized Production
			Total	Utilized	For Fresh	For Processing		
	Acres	Barrels <sup>2/</sup>	1,000 Barrels <sup>2/</sup>	1,000 Barrels <sup>2/</sup>	1,000 Barrels <sup>2/</sup>	1,000 Barrels <sup>2/</sup>	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
<b>2001</b>								
Massachusetts	12,000	118.0	1,416	1,414	176	1,238	24.00	33,869
New Jersey	3,100	182.6	566	412	--	412	23.10	9,517
Oregon	2,400	152.1	365	355	7	348	22.50	7,994
Washington	1,600	88.8	142	136	34	102	28.20	3,838
Wisconsin	15,100	188.1	2,840	2,466	209	2,257	23.70	58,428
U.S.	34,200	155.8	5,329	4,783	426	4,357	23.80	113,646
<b>2002</b>								
Massachusetts	14,500	100.1	1,452	1,452	154	1,298	33.20	48,244
New Jersey	3,100	138.7	430	430	--	430	32.00	13,760
Oregon	2,600	166.2	432	432	8	424	32.90	14,209
Washington	1,600	101.3	162	155	30	125	36.20	5,614
Wisconsin	15,900	201.8	3,208	3,208	177	3,031	32.20	103,247
U.S.	37,700	150.8	5,684	5,677	369	5,308	32.60	185,074

<sup>1/</sup> Weighted average of co-op and independent sales. Co-op prices represent pool proceeds excluding returns from non-cranberry products and before deductions for capital stock and other retains.

<sup>2/</sup> Standard weight used for one barrel of cranberries was 100 pounds.

SOURCE: *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts - 2002 Summary*, 3:00 p.m., July 8, 2003, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**WILD BLUEBERRIES: Production and Value, 2000 - 2002**

State and Year	Total Production	All Price per Pound	Total Value of Production	Fresh Blueberries			Blueberries for Processing		
				Production	Price per Pound	Value of Production	Production	Price per Pound	Value of Production
	1,000 Lbs	Cents	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Lbs	Dollars	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Lbs	Cents	1,000 Dollars
<b>Maine</b>									
2000	110,990	40	44,732	420	1.20	504	110,570	40	44,228
2001	75,200	31	22,945	350	1.40	490	74,850	30	22,455
2002	62,300	26	15,920	300	1.40	420	62,000	25	15,500

SOURCE: *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts - 2002 Summary*, 3:00 p.m., July 8, 2003, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**MONTHLY CHICKENS: Layers and Egg Production, June 2002 - 2003**

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers <sup>1/</sup>		Eggs per 100 for All Layers <sup>1/</sup>		Egg Production from All Layers <sup>1/</sup>	
	June 2002	June 2003	June 2002	June 2003	June 2002	June 2003	June 2002	June 2003
	1,000 Birds	1,000 Birds	1,000 Birds	1,000 Birds	Number	Number	Million Eggs	Million Eggs
Connecticut	3,030	2,763	3,087	2,820	2,235	2,199	69	62
Maine	4,276	4,073	4,334	4,126	2,100	2,254	91	93
U.S.	269,131	267,052	335,412	332,417	2,125	2,122	7,126	7,053

<sup>1/</sup> Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

SOURCE: *Chickens and Eggs*, 3:00 p.m., July 22, 2003, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**MONTHLY MILK: Number of Cows and Production, June 2003 with Comparisons**

State	Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>			Production per Cow			Production		
	June 2002	May 2003	June 2003	June 2002	May 2003	June 2003	June 2002	May 2003	June 2003
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds
Vermont	154	149	148	1,500	1,565	1,500	231	233	222
New York	682	682	681	1,530	1,560	1,490	1,043	1,064	1,015
Pennsylvania	582	580	578	1,535	1,600	1,480	893	928	855
U.S. <sup>2/</sup>	7,782	7,783	7,772	1,587	1,668	1,587	12,348	12,983	12,333

<sup>1/</sup> Average number for month, including dry cows.<sup>2/</sup> U.S. includes 20 major States: AZ, CA, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KY, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, PA, TX, VT, VA, WA, and WI.SOURCE: **Milk Production**, 3:00 p.m., July 17, 2003, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.**QUARTERLY MILK: Number of Cows and Production, April - June 2003 with Comparisons**

State	Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>			Production per Cow			Production		
	Apr - Jun 2002	Jan - Mar 2003	Apr - Jun 2003	Apr - Jun 2002	Jan - Mar 2003	Apr - Jun 2003	Apr - Jun 2002	Jan - Mar 2003	Apr - Jun 2003
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds
Connecticut	24	23	22	4,890	4,710	4,840	117	108	106
Maine	38	35	35	4,490	4,420	4,600	171	155	161
Massachusetts	21	20	20	4,460	4,400	4,470	94	88	89
New Hampshire	18	17	16	4,740	4,670	4,910	85	79	79
Rhode Island	1.4	1.4	1.3	4,390	4,170	4,430	6.1	5.8	5.8
Vermont	154	152	149	4,565	4,395	4,457	703	668	679
NEW ENGLAND	256.4	248.4	243.3	4,587	4,444	4,603	1,176.1	1,103.8	1,119.8
U.S.	9,149	9,154	9,114	4,811	4,691	4,813	44,015	42,939	43,862

<sup>1/</sup> Average number for quarter including dry cows.SOURCE: **Milk Production**, 3:00 p.m., July 17, 2003, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.**VERMONT MILK: Prices Received, 1998 - 2003**

Year	Prices Received <sup>1/</sup> by Farmers for Milk Sold to Plants (Dollars per Cwt)												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
1998	15.20	15.20	15.20	14.90	14.60	15.10	14.80	15.90	17.30	17.90	17.70	18.00	16.00
1999	18.20	16.60	16.50	13.90	13.90	14.10	14.50	14.90	16.20	16.30	16.30	13.90	15.40
2000	13.40	13.40	13.50	13.40	13.50	13.80	13.50	13.80	14.00	14.00	14.30	14.60	13.80
2001	13.70	14.30	15.00	15.40	16.20	16.80	17.00	17.30	17.90	16.40	15.80	14.10	15.80
2002	14.20	13.80	13.30	13.10	12.70	12.10	11.60	11.70	12.00	12.50	12.50	12.40	12.70
2003 <sup>2/</sup>	12.30	11.90	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50							

<sup>1/</sup> Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.<sup>2/</sup> Most recent monthly price is a preliminary mid-month forecast.SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices**, 3:00 p.m., June 27, 2003, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.**MONTHLY DAIRY PRODUCTS: New England Production, May 2003 with Comparisons**

Product	May 2002	April 2003	May 2003	May 2003 as percent of:	
				May 2002	April 2003
	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Percent	Percent
Butter	4,093	4,310	4,182	102	97
American Type Cheese <sup>1/</sup>	--	5,485	3,003	--	55
Mozzarella Cheese	--	6,013	6,208	--	103
Other Italian Cheese <sup>2/</sup>	--	637	562	--	88
Cottage Cheese <sup>3/</sup>	552	611	619	112	101
	1,000 Gallons	1,000 Gallons	1,000 Gallons	Percent	Percent
Ice Cream, Hard	9,060	9,232	8,919	98	97
Low Fat Ice Cream, Hard	766	565	795	104	141
Milk Sherbet, Hard	231	155	235	102	152

<sup>1/</sup> American Type Cheese includes cheddars, Colby, washed curd, stirred curd, Monterey and Jack.<sup>2/</sup> Includes all Italian cheese except Mozzarella.<sup>3/</sup> Creamed and low fat.SOURCE of NATIONAL PRODUCTION: **Dairy Products**, 3:00 p.m., July 3, 2003, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**FUELS: Prices Paid, April 2003**

Farm Production Region	Unleaded Gasoline <sup>2/</sup>		Diesel <sup>3/ 4/</sup>	L.P. Gas <sup>3/</sup>
	Service Station	Bulk Delivery	Bulk Delivery	Bulk Delivery
	Dollars per Gallon	Dollars per Gallon	Dollars per Gallon	Dollars per Gallon
Northeast <sup>1/</sup>	1.67	1.68	1.516	1.527
United States	1.61	1.60	1.238	1.213

<sup>1/</sup> Northeast: CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT.<sup>2/</sup> Includes federal, state, and local per gallon taxes.<sup>3/</sup> Excludes state road taxes, but includes state and local per gallon taxes where applicable.<sup>4/</sup> Excludes federal excise tax.SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices** - 3:00 p.m., April 30, 2003, National Statistics Service, USDA.**FEED: Prices Paid, April 2003**

Item	Unit	Northeast <sup>1/</sup>	United States
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Alfalfa Meal	Cwt	17.50	15.00
Alfalfa Pellets	Cwt	18.00	15.30
Bran	Cwt	12.80	13.70
Beef Cattle Conc. 32-36% Protein	Ton	301.00	290.00
Corn Meal	Cwt	9.50	9.90
Cottonseed Meal, 41%	Cwt	17.80	16.60
Dairy Feed			
16% Protein	Ton	194.00	200.00
18% Protein	Ton	207.00	207.00
20% Protein	Ton	202.00	201.00
32-38% Protein Conc.	Ton	304.00	311.00
Molasses, Liquid	Cwt	11.30	13.30
Poultry Feed			
Broiler Grower	Ton	249.00	234.00
Chick Starter	Ton	261.00	241.00
Laying Feed	Ton	232.00	232.00
Turkey Grower	Ton	257.00	279.00
Soybean Meal, 44%	Cwt	14.90	14.50
Stock Salt	50 Lb.	5.40	4.30
Trace Mineral Blocks	50 Lb.	6.60	5.40

<sup>1/</sup> Northeast: CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT.SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices** - 3:00 p.m., April 30, 2003, National Statistics Service, USDA**CATTLE AND CALVES: Inventory and Calf Crop, U.S., July 1, 2001 - 2003**

CLASS	2001	2002	2003	2003 as Percent of 2002
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent
Cattle and Calves	105,800	105,100	103,900	99
Cows and Heifers that have Calved	43,000	42,900	42,700	100
Beef Cows	33,900	33,750	33,600	100
Milk Cows	9,100	9,150	9,100	99
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	16,400	16,200	15,900	98
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,600	4,600	4,600	100
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,600	3,700	3,600	97
Other Heifers	8,200	7,900	7,700	97
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,600	14,500	14,200	98
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,100	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	29,700	29,400	29,000	99
Calf Crop	38,280	38,193	38,000	99
Cattle on Feed	13,000	12,400	11,700	94

SOURCE: **Cattle**, 3:00 p.m., July 18, 2003, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

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